

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus comprising:

 ~~an alteration unit~~ a controller that alters a first image file stored in a removable storage medium ~~in order~~ to generate a second image file; and

 a memory controller that stores the second image file in the storage medium,

 ~~a control unit that~~ wherein the controller (a) controls the memory controller to store the second image file in the storage medium without deleting the first image file from the storage medium, if the first image file includes authentication data that is used to authenticate whether the first image file has been altered, and (b) inquires whether to overwrite the second image file on the first image file stored in the storage medium, if the first image file does not include the authentication data.

2. (Previously Presented) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second image file is stored in the same folder as a folder in which the first image file is stored.

3. (Previously Presented) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second image file is stored in a folder different from a folder in which the first image file is stored.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ~~alteration-unit~~ controller generates the second image file that does not include the authentication data, if the first image file includes the authentication data.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Previously Presented) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a part of a file name of the second image file is the same as a part of a file name of the first image file.

8. (Previously Presented) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image processing apparatus is an image sensing device.

9. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an image processing apparatus, comprising:

an alteration step of altering a first image file stored in a removable storage medium in order to generate a second image file; and

a control step of controlling a memory controller of the image processing apparatus to store the second image file in the storage medium without deleting the first image file from the storage medium, if the first image file includes authentication data that is used to authenticate whether the first image file has been altered; and

a step of inquiring whether to overwrite the second image file on the first image file stored in the storage medium, if the first image file does not include the authentication data.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the second image file is stored in the same folder as a folder in which the first image file is stored.

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the second image file is stored in a folder different from a folder in which the first image file is stored.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the second image file does not include the authentication data, if the first image file includes the authentication data.

14. (Canceled).

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein a part of a file name of the second image file is the same as a part of a file name of the first image file.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the image processing apparatus is an image sensing device.

17. (Previously presented) A recording medium storing a computer program for realizing by a computer the method according to claim 9.

18. (Canceled).